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The EPITAPH begins to feel like itself once more. It has got a fight on its hands.

Under a new land office ruling the desert land entries will have to be advertised before the final proof is made.

Grass is actually growing in the streets of Tombstone, but then grass would grow anywhere in Arizona soil under the influence of the glorious rains such as we have had during the present rainy season.

It is said that the volcano in the Sierra Madre mountains cannot be fanned. It has either gone into the ground and drawn its crater after it, or Mexican lars are as good as any on the Pacific coast.—Virginia City (Nev.) Enterprise.

Lieut. Partello of the army will soon contribute a series of articles to the American Field, entitled "Army Sports on the Frontier." It will probably be a companion piece to Bob Schenck's "Rules of Draw Poker," as that is about the only sport the army indulges in.

Noting that James Phelan, the new congressman from Memphis, is one of the editors and proprietors of the Memphis Avalanche, and also a millionaire, the Fort Wayne Gazette remarks that: "There is a rampant, domineering, sameness visible in all of us newspaper men."

The EPITAPH will be alive and kicking when the small coterie of infinitesimal souls which are trying to injure it have ceased to kick. But the EPITAPH is of a forgiving disposition and will probably refer to them as "our late esteemed fellow citizens." This is the way of the world.

The combinations and wheels within wheels that exist and are forming in our midst are perfectly bewildering. A certain ring once nearly bankrupted Cochise county. The EPITAPH fought it then and "downed" it, and will certainly achieve the same result in the coming contest with the fledgling.

"I'm a big borrower of money," said Phil. Armour of Chicago, "and pride myself on it. I treat with a banker just as I do with my baker or grocer. I buy his money if he will sell it at a price that will leave margin for a profit to me. I never, even when I was poor, took money for thirty or sixty days. I get it for long time for a specific purpose."

The new type setting machines are at work in the office of the Chicago News and Cincinnati Enquirer and are said to be satisfactory. An exchange remarks that no piece of mechanism, however, will entirely take the place of the intelligent compositor until one is devised that can "jiff" for the beer, put on a sub and kick about a bad copy.

According to the Fort Worth Gazette, Texas cattle are assessed on an average at only \$5.50 per head. And yet the large and Solons who compose the Board of Equalization of this territory have placed Arizona cattle on the assessment roll at \$12 per head. The cattle men were evidently not as well represented as the railroads before that august body.

Special attention is called to the notice for a meeting of the General Stock Growers Association, to be held at Benson on September 3d, one week from to-day. The details of the fall rules, and other matters of interest will be discussed at the meeting. It is to be hoped the very best men will be selected for captains, and that the coming year will be the most complete ever had in the county. All stockmen are requested to be present.

Rodman M. Price, who left Arizona with anything but an enviable reputation, is now secretary of the Tortilla Mining company, with headquarters in New York. A carefully worded article in this week's Frank Leslie's Illustrated, copied from the Morning Journal, represents the property as located near Tucson, and to be very valuable; in fact, dividend paying. The EPITAPH would be neglecting its duty did it fail to warn Eastern investors against this property (if there is any such property), for it believes it to be a wildcat of the wildest description. It is such men and methods which bring legitimate mining enterprises into disrepute.

There should not be, nor do we believe there is, any conflict of interest between the mine and live stock owners of our county. The stockmen would rejoice to see a revival in mining matters, and a dozen flourishing camps spring up in every range of mountains in Arizona, for thereby they would secure a good local market for their beef. And on the other hand, the mining men are glad to see the plains covered with fat cattle, for they know that therein lies the basis of solid wealth which helps them to bear

the burden of government. Furthermore there is hardly a cattleman in the county who is not also a mine owner, and hence the interests are so intermingled as to extinguish all jealousy which might otherwise exist. This is as it should be.

A MANUFACTURED BOARD.

The EPITAPH rather enjoys the position in which it has been placed by the Democratic Board of Supervisors of this county. That body, a majority of whom are only Supervisors by the grace of the County Treasurer, Probate Judge and the ex-Chairman, and one of whom at least has proven not to be the choice of the people at the polls, have seen fit to commence a little underhanded fight against this paper. And we repeat that the EPITAPH enjoys it. Like the Irishman, we prefer to be "ferriest the government," especially when that government is rotten and corrupt. We are not yet prepared to say that the Board is corrupt, and yet there are certain transactions which look very much like it. For instance, how does this look: The job whereby Messrs. Cohn and Moore were elected to fill vacancies was fixed up in the office of the County Treasurer, who is well known to be the principal owner of the Prospector. That paper must have patronage, and consequently the Board must do the bidding of Ritter in order to help him out. We have great respect for Mr. Ritter, and do not blame him in the least for working for the interests of his paper. We are doing the same. Our contempt lies merely against the tools he uses to accomplish his ends. And yet we call his attention to Section 30 of Chapter 6, of the new code, which prohibits him absolutely from being interested, either directly or indirectly, in any demand against the county for other than his salary. This applies to paupers' coffins as well as to new papers.

While we are up on the subject there is another matter which the appointive Board have evidently overlooked. The law requires that upon every question that comes before that body the vote of each Supervisor shall be recorded in the minutes. This plain duty has been neglected. Why? The law says that each Supervisor who shall draw an unauthorized warrant shall be liable on his bond for the amount, and it makes it the duty of the District Attorney to begin suit. We have in mind a certain bill which was paid twice by the county for the item of printing bonds, one of which allowances must certainly have been unwarranted. If the vote of the Supervisors is not recorded, their responsibility is not known. See?

Another matter. The law requires the Board to advertise for bids for doing the county printing, such advertisement to be published once a week for four weeks. But our manufactured Board, evidently thinking themselves a higher power than the law, have decreed that only a daily will do. Well, we'll see about that when the bids are opened. On more than one occasion the EPITAPH has proven itself bigger than the Board of Supervisors, and we are ready to try conclusions again. And, furthermore, since the Board have annulled the EPITAPH's contract on a technicality, we shall see what a writ of *quo warrant* will do if they fail or neglect to receive bids presented in regular form by a weekly newspaper. You have opened the ball, gentlemen, and the EPITAPH is no respecter of persons who tread on the tail of its coat, be they Jews or Gentiles.

Affidavit Men in Demand.

Since the announcement made by Mr. Govt. in force the City Council a few evenings since, that he intended to overthrow the Mountain Maid title by affidavits showing the non mineral character of the land, he has been overwhelmed with offers made by old timers, many of whom were here before the Gadsden purchase, and hence always knew that the claim contained no mineral. In fact, all the old "bums" and dead beats of the city have been galvanized into new life in the hope of obtaining a few pieces of silver, as a reward for their valuable knowledge of underground conditions, as shown by surface indications.

At the time, however, that R. P. M. and others in force a patent to the Mountain Maid mine, in 1880, he had a divining rod on the other side, and J. S. Clark, who caused a protest to be made against the issuance of a patent to R. P. M. on behalf of the to-morrow claimants, was left to make the fight alone upon his single unsupported affidavit, made on information and belief, that the lands did not contain minerals, while the application for the patent was supported by a number of affidavits which were furnished to the land office. For the information of the public we have condensed and give below the substance of some of these affidavits, as follows:

Affidavit of Patrick Delaney: Says upon oath that he is a miner by occupation, and a resident of Tombstone. Knows the Mountain Maid mining claim. Worked upon, and helped to sink shaft number one on said mine, near the corner of Second and Allen streets. Commenced work when shaft was about 15 feet deep, about February 13, 1880, and continued work until about April 6, 1880. Shaft was then 65 feet deep. In sinking shaft we found kidneys and spurs of ore, from time to time, throughout its depth. Am well acquainted with silver bearing ores, and know that the kidneys and spurs above referred to was ore containing silver.

Affidavit of A. C. and A. Bilicke: Say upon oath that each of them are acquainted with the Mountain Maid Min-

ing claim, in the Tombstone Mining District, lying north of the Vizina. That said claim was located February 25, 1879. We commenced work on the discovery shaft on the claim February 2, 1880. The bottom of the shaft was in ore at that time. The shaft is now more than 50 feet in depth and in ore. Ore found at intervals from the time we commenced sinking in said shaft until it was completed. The assays from said shaft ranged from five to forty dollars per ton. Shaft was completed April 6, 1880.

Affidavit of Charles Calhoun: Was one of the locators of the Mountain Maid Mining claim, situated north of the Vizina mine. Said mining claim was located February 25, 1879. Commenced work upon said claim within one week from the date of location and ore was struck about five feet from the surface. The ore continued at intervals to the bottom of the shaft, which is over fifty feet deep. I had assays from said shaft that went as high as five dollars to the ton.

Affidavit of John Conley and Joseph Knowland: Say on oath that they took a piece of ore from the Mountain Maid Mining claim for the purpose of having an assay made. Took same to a competent assayer and got seventy-nine dollars per ton as the result of said assay, that being the amount of silver contained in the rock, and believe that to be a correct representation of the silver contained in the ore.

Progress in Mining.

It should be gratifying to all having the prosperity of the mining industry sincerely at heart to know that business methods are now prevailing in that line of development, and that systematic efforts have taken the place of haphazard and speculation, which prevailed until recently. Being in its very nature, in its incipient stages, an uncertain and experimental industry it requires to go through certain stages of growth to reach a firm business basis, prior to which its status is necessarily unsettled.

Not many years ago the value of a mine was purely conjectural and the stock market was a more active field of operations than the locality of the mine. Stocks rose and fell on the slightest pretext, or without any pretext at all, and their market value was entirely independent of the output, progress of development, quality of ore, value of machinery and sometimes of the existence of the mine. Most extravagant management prevailed. Costly machines, ill adapted to their designed object, were so poorly and inefficiently operated that the dumps of ore left by them as tailings have been worked over with the improved machinery of later days with more profit than their first treatment. Reckless waste and inordinate haste to extract the cream of the ore in the shortest possible time was the prevalent rule among miners in the earlier stages of the mining industry in the West. With the decadence of stock speculation this waste of ores and the general extravagance in working mines has also departed, giving place to economic methodical operations. The craze for forming stock companies and the idea so prevalent that the first and most important step in developing a prospect was to get it listed at the stock boards is rapidly passing away. Many of the best paying mines in the west to day are run among brokers and speculators. Under careful and judicious management they are paying their owners a profit which aggregates more than others widely known as dividend payers.

Clearer conceptions of the real objects in purchasing and operating mines prevail now than ever before. The idea that profits are to be made by cutting down expenses in every department and increasing productiveness instead of selling watered stock is the true solution of the difficulties which have heretofore stood in the way of the recognition of mining as a legitimate, stable, progressive industry. Heretofore its uncertainty and the lack of means for reducing it to a basis for careful investment have driven capital into other fields where these objections did not exist, but which offered less profitable returns. The continuance of this new departure in mining will soon establish its position as a stable and profitable investment in which not only will the profits be greater than in other fields, but the security ample and fixed.

As marked and radical as have been the improvements in appliances for running, crushing and reducing ores there is still ample room for improvement, and it is not improbable that the next few years will witness valuable discoveries. Notwithstanding the progress already made, human knowledge is increasing, and while electricity is being harnessed and human labor is being bridged in other fields of science it will be strange if processes now so tedious and costly in extracting minerals from other substances are not simplified and cheapened beyond the most extravagant predictions.

A Monster Stone Dam.

A remarkable dam is about to be constructed by a water company at the San Mateo canyon, four miles from San Mateo, Cal., in order to form a reservoir. The canyon is very narrow and steep, and fifteen feet below the bottom is a solid rock, on which the foundation of the dam will rest. The structure will be 170 feet high, 175 feet wide at the base, 20 feet at the top and 700 feet in length. It will be the largest stone dam ever known to have been built. The dike will have a curvature of eighty feet and the convex side will be up stream.

The material will be a new sort of concrete composed of stone. The walls will be perfectly smooth. The reservoir that will be formed by it and the adjacent hills, will be about eight miles in length and 150 feet deep at the deepest places. Its capacity will be about 32,000,000,000 gallons. The water will be conveyed by tunnels to the city of San Francisco.—San Francisco Call.

A Mexican employee of the water storage company at Walnut Grove was mobbed on the night of the 6th inst. by several disguised men. The Mexican had been working for quite a time and was supposed to have considerable money. The idea seems to prevail that the object of the mob was to make him disgorge, but in this they were foiled, as he did not have the money with him. He was strung up several times, and when it was certain that they could not get the filthy lucre, they let him down and left him to recover his senses. He claims to have recognized two of the men, but through fear he made no complaint and no arrests were made. He left the country in a few days.

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